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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

FROM :

Assistant General Counsel

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SUBJECT : S. 2525 - Title IV - CIA

1. Thank you for the copy of materials concerning recent amendments to 5 U.S.C. 7342, Foreign Gifts and Decorations, which authorizes Agency employees to accept gifts under the conditions specified in that section. I presume you provided these materials in response to the suggestion in paragraph 27 of my 10 March 1978 memorandum concerning the Title IV Issues Paper prepared by your office that a new Section 421(a)(19) be added to allow the Agency to:

accept in the name of the Agency, and employ or dispose of in furtherance of its functions, any money or property, real or personal, received by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise.

2. The 5 U.S.C. 7342 provisions do not address the same issue as is presented in the suggested 421(a)(19). The former allows individuals to accept gifts in compliance with its terms, the latter would allow the Agency to accept gifts, etc., for its use. An example would be a bequest of a private collection of rare books on intelligence for use as part of the Historical Intelligence Collection. The proposed 421(a)(19) would allow its acceptance and use by CIA without regard to arrangements otherwise required to be made with GSA.

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